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HAWAII, WASHINGTON, D.C., LEAD IN UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS--Hawaii heads the list of states attracting the greatest percentage of new residents versus people moving away during 1987, according to a migration pattern study conducted by United Van Lines. Of the 876 shipments handled by United to and from the state of Hawaii, 72.5 percent were inbound.

Based upon more than 170,000 household goods shipments United serviced in 50 states during 1987, the study showed once again that the District of Columbia had a high in-migration percentage due to governmental changes and military transfers. The District has consistently led United's list of high inbound areas since the study began eleven years ago. In 1987, the District's inbound traffic was calculated at 68.7 percent.

Total inbound and outbound shipments handled by United were compared state by state in the study. If 55 percent or more of relocation activity was inbound, the state was considered to have high inbound migration.

Besides Hawaii and the District of Columbia, states considered to have a high in-migration status include Florida, Alaska, Arizona, Oregon, Virginia, Nevada, Maine, Tennessee, South Carolina, and California.

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North Dakota had the highest out-migration last year. A state is considered to have high outbound migration if 44.9 percent or less of total activity is inbound. North Dakota had inbound activity of 31.5 percent. Other states with high out-migration were Wyoming, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Utah, West Virginia, Vermont, New York, Kansas, Mississippi, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Twenty-two states experienced an approximate balance between outbound and inbound movement, the United study revealed. This means that between 45.0 and 54.9 percent of the activity was inbound.

California accounted for the greatest number of shipments (40,251) handled by United followed by Texas (31,787 shipments), Florida (24,388 shipments), New York (15,495 shipments) and North Carolina (15,372 shipments).

Connecticut, Georgia, and Maryland, which were listed among the high in-migration states in 1986, appeared balanced in 1987. High inbound activity in Oregon and South Carolina elevated these states from balanced to a high in-migration status.

Mississippi and Vermont were new high out-migration states in 1987 compared to the 1986 study in which they were balanced.

Alaska went from a high out-migration state in 1986 to a high in-migration state in 1987. North Carolina did the opposite, switching from a high in-migration state in 1986 to a high out-migration state in 1987.

United Van Lines is the world's largest mover of household goods. United, with nearly 1,100 agents in 125 countries around the globe, also moves electronics and other commodities. Its headquarters is located in suburban St. Louis.

UNITED VAN LINES, INC.
1987
(BASED ON OVER 170,000 SHIPMENTS)

STATE	TOTAL SHIPMENTS	OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS	INBOUND SHIPMENTS	% INBOUND SHIPMENTS	% OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS
ALABAMA	4,803	2,377	2,426	50.5%	49.5%
ALASKA	644	238	406	63.0%	37.0%
ARIZONA	8,263	3,166	5,097	61.7%	38.3%
ARKANSAS	1,843	837	1,006	54.6%	45.4%
CALIFORNIA	40,251	17,886	22,365	55.6%	44.4%
COLORADO	12,225	6,285	5,940	48.6%	51.4%
CONNECTICUT	5,170	2,691	2,479	47.9%	52.1%
DELAWARE	859	416	443	51.6%	48.4%
D.C.	1,207	378	829	68.7%	31.3%
FLORIDA	24,388	9,001	15,387	63.1%	36.9%
GEORGIA	12,434	5,628	6,806	54.7%	45.3%
HAWAII	876	241	635	72.5%	27.5%
IDAHO	1,400	716	684	48.9%	51.1%
ILLINOIS	13,901	7,833	6,068	43.7%	56.3%
INDIANA	4,744	2,592	2,152	45.4%	54.6%
IOWA	2,483	1,442	1,041	41.9%	58.1%
KANSAS	5,174	3,024	2,150	41.6%	58.4%
KENTUCKY	3,994	1,882	2,112	52.9%	47.1%
LOUISIANA	4,245	2,391	1,854	43.7%	56.3%
MAINE	1,751	729	1,022	58.4%	41.6%
MARYLAND	5,771	2,705	3,066	53.1%	46.9%
MASSACHUSETTS	7,830	3,891	3,939	50.3%	49.7%
MICHIGAN	10,109	5,791	4,318	42.7%	57.3%
MINNESOTA	5,972	3,356	2,616	43.8%	56.2%
MISSISSIPPI	2,221	1,291	930	41.9%	58.1%
MISSOURI	7,498	3,882	3,616	48.2%	51.8%
MONTANA	1,198	679	519	43.3%	56.7%
NEBRASKA	1,865	1,039	826	44.3%	55.7%
NEVADA	2,469	997	1,472	59.6%	40.4%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,965	1,025	940	47.8%	52.2%
NEW JERSEY	9,321	4,781	4,540	48.7%	51.3%
NEW MEXICO	3,046	1,464	1,582	51.9%	48.1%
NEW YORK	15,495	9,083	6,412	41.4%	58.6%
NORTH CAROLINA	15,372	10,017	5,355	34.8%	65.2%
NORTH DAKOTA	1,234	845	389	31.5%	68.5%
OHIO	11,600	5,627	5,973	51.5%	48.5%
OKLAHOMA	3,362	1,773	1,589	47.3%	52.7%
OREGON	3,355	1,340	2,015	60.1%	39.9%
PENNSYLVANIA	10,537	5,465	5,072	48.1%	51.9%
RHODE ISLAND	1,042	472	570	54.7%	45.3%
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,672	2,020	2,652	56.8%	43.2%
SOUTH DAKOTA	745	381	364	48.9%	51.1%
TENNESSEE	6,087	2,570	3,517	57.8%	42.2%
TEXAS	31,787	16,913	14,874	46.8%	53.2%
UTAH	2,642	1,639	1,003	38.0%	62.0%
VERMONT	914	538	376	41.1%	58.9%
VIRGINIA	10,713	4,281	6,432	60.0%	40.0%
WASHINGTON	7,175	3,320	3,855	53.7%	46.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	1,318	801	517	39.2%	60.8%
WISCONSIN	5,232	3,261	1,971	37.7%	62.3%
WYOMING	1,062	699	363	34.2%	65.8%

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